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1. JULY 22 COMPLETED THE ALLOTTED TIME FOR ORGANIZATION OF CORTES (PARLIAMENTARY) GROUPS. THE RECENT DECISION (REFTEL) TO REQUIRE 15 MEMBERS TO FORM PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS IN THE LOWER HOUSE, AND 10 IN THE SENATE, HAS HELPED RESTRICT THE TOTAL TO SEVEN IN THE LOWER HOUSE, EIGHT IN THE SENATE.

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2. IN THE LOWER HOUSE, MEMBERS ARE DIVIDED INTO:

--THE SUAREZ-LED UNION DE CENTRO DEMOCRATICO (UCD):
166 DEPUTIES. SPOKESMAN IS LEOPOLDO CALVO SOLTELO.

--THE SOCIALISTS (PSOE): 103 DEPUTIES.
SPOKESMAN IS PARTY SEC GEN FELIPE GONZALEZ.

--THE CATALAN SOCIALISTS: 15 DEPUTIES, INCLUDING 11 FROM THE REVENTOS-LED SOCIALIST PARTY OF CATALUNYA (PSC) PLUS FOUR MAVERICK PSOE MEMBERS OR INDEPENDENTS. ALL ARE PLEDGED TO VOTING UNITY WITH THE PSOE. SPOKESMAN IS FRANCISCO RAMOS.

--THE COMMUNISTS: 20 DEPUTIES, COMPRISING 11 FROM THE NATIONAL PARTY (PCE) AND 9 FROM THE CATALAN BRANCH-OFFICE PARTY (PSUC); SPOKESMAN IS PARTY SEC GEN SANTIAGO CARRILLO.

--THE CATALAN/BASQUE MINORITIES: 21 DEPUTIES, WITH 13 CATALANS (11 FROM JORDI PUJOL'S CENTER-LEFT PDC, CATALAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT CANELLAS AND REPUBLICAN LEFTIST BARRERA), AND 8 FROM THE BASQUE PNV (CENTRIST BASQUE NATIONALISTS); SPOKESMAN IS MIGUEL ROCA JUNYENT.

--ALIANZA POPULAR: 16 DEPUTIES: SPOKESMAN IS FRAGA IRIBARNE.

--THE MIXED GROUP, AS CALLED FOR IN THE CORTES RULES, OF ALL THOSE NOT MEMBERS OF ANY REGULAR GROUP: 9 DEPUTIES, INCLUDING THE 6 DEPUTIES OF TIerno GALVAN'S POPULAR SOCIALISTS (PSP), ONE CATALAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT, THE LONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXTREME-LEFTIST FROM THE BASQUE COUNTRY, SR. LETAMENDIA, AND AN INDEPENDENT CENTRIST FROM ZARAGOZA, GOZEZ GOMEZ DE LOS ROCES, WHO MAY SWITCH TO THE UCD. SPOKESMAN IS RAUL MORODO.

3. IN THE SENATE, GROUPS ARE:

--THE UCD: 114 SENATORS, INCLUDING SOME INDEPENDENTS WHO HAVE JOINED RECENTLY, AND 4 MINISTERS WHO ARE SENATORS BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT (MARTIN VILLA, LAVILLA, OREJA, AND ABRIL MARTORELL). SPOKESMAN IS RAFAEL CALVO ORTEGA.

--THE PSOE: 48 SENATORS: SPOKESMAN IS RAFAEL FERNANDEZ ALVAREZ.

--THE BASQUE GROUP: 10 SENATORS, INCLUDING 8 INDEPENDENT OR PNV-ORIENTED SENATORS, JOINED BY ONE CATALAN AND ONE ROYALLY-APPOINTED SENATOR: SPOKESMAN IS MIGUEL DE UNZUETA.

--THE CATALAN "ENTESA" GROUP: 15 CATALAN

SENATORS. SPOKESMAN IS JOSE BENET MORELL.

--THE "PROGRESISTAS Y SOCIALISTAS INDEPENDIENTES"
(PROGRESSIVES AND INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST OR PSI):
21 SENATORS. SPOKESMAN IS THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT
MANUEL VILLAR ARREGUI. MANY OF THESE SENATORS WERE
ELECTED ON FUSION TICKETS WITH PSOE SUPPORT, AND WE
EXPECT THEM TO GENERALLY VOTE WITH THE PSOE GROUP.

--TWO INDEPENDENT GROUPINGS: A MORE LIBERAL
GROUP OF 13 ROYAL SENATORS, LED BY JUSTINO DE
AZCARTE, BRIEFLY FOREIGN MINISTER UNDER THE REPUBLIC
AND RECENTLY RETURNED FROM EXILE; (MINISTER OF
ECONOMY AND SECOND VP FUENTES QUINTANA HAS SIGNED UP
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WITH THIS GROUP WHILE IN THE GOVERNMENT, HE IS NOT IN THE UCD)
AND A MORE CONSERVATIVE GROUP OF 10 ROYAL SENATORS, LED BY LUIS
SANCHEZ AGESTA; ALFONSO OSORIO, FORMER MINISTER
AND SECOND VICE PRESIDENT IN THE PREVIOUS SUAREZ
GOVERNMENT, AND A CONSERVATIVE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT, IS IN
THE LATTER GROUP.

--A MIXED GROUP: 17 SENATORS, COVERING A RANGE
FROM FORMER CORTES PRESIDENT FERNANDEZ-MIRANDA TO
MAVERICK SOCIALIST ARTIST ENRIQUE BRIKMAN (WHO
REPORTEDLY MAY SWITCH TO THE PSOE GROUP). STABLER

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